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Election of the Council

I have the honour to refer to the eligibility of States for membership in the Council of the International Seabed Authority.

Given that Belgium has to date not provided any official statistical data on cobalt imports, it seems to us necessary at this stage to communicate officially the cobalt import figures for Belgium (see annex I).

These are net figures for the import of unwrought cobalt, given that the imported cobalt is transformed in order to manufacture the products listed in annex II.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its two annexes circulated to member and observer States of the International Seabed Authority. Should you be required to prepare a document on the eligibility of States for membership in the Council of the International Seabed Authority, I should be grateful if you would take the above-mentioned information into account.

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ANNEX I

[Original: English]

Cobalt imports (pure metal, impure metal and scraps)

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
World figures					
Metric tons imported	19 880	22 589	18 936	24 358	22 489
Value in United States dollars a/	328 228 000	452 611 000	870 461 000	1 071 667 000	863 122 000
US$/metric ton	19 227	20 037	35 404	43 897	29 518
Belgian figures					
Metric tons imported	3 316	3 499	4 478	2 903	1 255
Value in United States dollars	63 756 503	70 098 873	158 554 027	127 727 932	37 040 905

a/ Based on data from United Nations sources.

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ANNEX II

[Original: French]

Products manufactured by Belgian companies

1. Cobalt:

   - Powdered
   - Extra fine powder
   - Granulated powder
   - Mesh powder (100 mesh-400 mesh)

2. Cobalt oxides:

   - Black oxides
   - Grey oxides
   - Groundcoat quality

3. Cobalt salts:

   - Cobalt chloride
   - Cobalt hydroxide
   - Cobalt sulphate
   - Cobalt carbonate
   - Cobalt nitrate
   - Cobalt acetate